

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20, which starts with “the porous surfaces of” with the following paragraph:

The pore surfaces of the bodies may be coated with catalytic species prior to use, *e.g.* species containing a Group VI-B metal or a Group VIII metal, or both. The porous body may be wash-coated with *e.g.* a high surface alumina prior to the addition of the catalytic species. The species may be added by impregnation, vacuum impregnation, urea deposition and other methods known to those skilled in the art. Preferably, for hydrogenation of unsaturated compounds, the Group VI-B metal is molybdenum and preferably, the Group VIII metal is either nickel or cobalt. The porous body may also be catalytically active in nature *e.g.* perovskites, nickel spinel or the like or which may be activated by external means *e.g.* photoactivation of a titanium dioxide porous body by UV for the destruction of for example of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) in gaseous streams.